

**Motion of the Establishing Members of
Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University**

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Construction of Laboratory 3 is Critical for the Development of OIST Graduate University.

- The original master plan for the opening of the OIST graduate university calls for the completion of three laboratory buildings to accommodate about 50 PIs at the time of opening in 2012.
- Funding for the completion of Laboratory 3 originally was partly provided in the FY2010 budget, but the funding was delayed pending demonstration that OIST could recruit Principal Investigators for this laboratory.
- By recruiting 19 outstanding PIs during the past year OIST has amply demonstrated that it can recruit the necessary number and highest quality faculty. The success in building a first rate interdisciplinary faculty requires the immediate start of construction of Laboratory 3 in FY 2012 , for which the building plans are ready.

Motion: The Establishing Members of OIST strongly request that funding for the construction of Laboratory 3 be included in the FY 2012 budget so that the development of the OIST Graduate University can be completed as planned. OIST has built momentum to establish the type of international program envisioned, and maintaining this momentum is critical to achieve success in creating a world class university of science and technology in Okinawa.